June 18, 2013

Mr. Scott Head Manager, Regulatory Affairs STP Units 3 & 4 Nuclear Innovation North America, LLC 4000 Avenue F Bay City, TX 76109

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 3 AND 4

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated May 8, 2013, Stephen J. Burdick, Counsel for Nuclear Innovation North America LLC, submitted an affidavit dated the same, executed by yourself, requesting that information in the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, Section 2.390:

"Amendment to Credit Agreement, Amendment 8 to Second Supplement and Amendment 6 to Third Supplement," dated March 27, 2013

"Waiver," dated April 29, 2013

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- i. The information is and has been withheld in confidence by NINA and its affiliates.
- ii. The information is of a type that is customarily held in confidence by NINA and its affiliates, and there is a rational basis for doing so because the information contains sensitive business and financial information related to NINA and its affiliates.
- iii. The information is being transmitted to the NRC voluntarily, in confidence, and under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390(a)(4), and it is to be received in confidence by the NRC.
- iv. This information is not available in public sources and could not be gathered readily from other publicly available information.
- v. Public disclosure of this information would create substantial financial harm to the competitive position of NINA and its affiliates by disclosing internal confidential commercial or financial information.

S. Head

We have reviewed the May 8, 2013 letter and the affidavit in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary financial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be reached at 301-415-1494 or <u>George.Wunder@nrc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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George F. Wunder, Senior Project Manager Licensing Branch 3 Division of New Reactor Licensing Office of New Reactors

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